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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of

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For: FUNCTIONAL FOODS AND COSMETICS CONTAINING SPHINGOGLYCOLIPIDS
AND METHOD OF PRODUCING THE SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please delete the First Full Paragraph of Page 34 and replace it with the following

new one:

Test Example 2: Improving effect on skin roughening

The functional food of the present invention obtained in Example 7 (aqueous dispersion), the aqueous dispersions obtained in Comparative Examples 3 and 4, and a dispersion containing no sphingoglycolipids were tested for rough skin improving effects with cooperation of ten females suffering from skin roughening on the back of their hands. The dispersion containing no sphingoglycolipids was prepared by dissolving 1.5 g of decaglycerol monostearate (SY Glyster MSW-750, available from Sakamoto Yakuhin Kogyo Co., Ltd.) in 300 ml of water.